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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR'S MEETING WITH SISCO

1. AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR MADE BRIEF CALL ON ASST SECY SISCO NOVEMBER 2 TO CONVEY HIS BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS OF SECRETARY'S AND SISCO'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST. MALIKYAR INDICATED HIS PERSONAL VIEW, AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY TO ACTING DEPUTY ASST SECY LAINGEN AND TO AMBASSADOR ELIOT, THAT INCLUSION OF KABUL ON SECRETARY'S ITINERARY WOULD HAVE PROVIDED USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR DEEPENING OF CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND AFGHANISTAN. MALIKYAR AT SAME TIME EMPHASIZED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF TIGHT SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS THAT MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR SECRETARY TO INCLUDE KABUL ON THIS TRIP. (FYI: LAINGEN HAD PREVIOUSLY STRESSED WITH AMBASSADOR THAT SECRETARY'S STOP IN ISLAMABAD WAS NOT REPEAT NOT IN SOUTH ASIAN CONTEXT AND THAT SAME POINT MADE TO INDIAN OFFICIALS END FYI.)

2. SISCO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MALIKYAR'S VIEWS AND FOR FACT THAT AMBASSADOR WAS NOT PRESSING ON THIS POINT. SISCO INDICATED THAT THERE MAY BE FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO SCHEDULE VISIT TO KABUL AND STATED HIS VIEW
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THAT SECRETARY WOULD WANT TO GO THERE. MALIKYAR NOTED

THAT IN BRIEF DISCUSSION EARLIER WITH SECRETARY ON
OCCASION OF WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORD'S NOMINATION
AS VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY HAD EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE
TO VISIT KABUL.

3. SISCO THEN SPOKE BRIEFLY ON CURRENT INTENSIVE
EFFORTS IN MIDDLE EAST SITUATION TO STABILIZE CEASEFIRE
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND NEED TO DEVELOP QUICKLY
FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AS WELL AS TO GET ACTUAL
NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY. SISCO EMPHASIZED THAT
UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY NOW EXISTS IF WE AND OTHER PARTIES
CAN MOVE VIGOROUSLY TOWARD LASTING SOLUTION IN MIDDLE
EAST.

4. MALIKYAR THANKED SISCO FOR TAKING TIME FROM HIS
PRESSING SCHEDULE AND WISHED HIM WELL ON HIS TRIP.
SISCO CLOSED WITH ASSURANCE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE
OPPORTUNITY FOR LONGER DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION
AFTER HIS RETURN. KISSINGER

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